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## WAR CORRESPONDENTS DEDICATE NORMANDY PARK



### Veterans Gather In Athens, Ohio

ATHENS, Ohio — Twenty-three war correspondent veterans of the Normandy landing, the march across Europe, the liberation of Paris and the relief of the Holocaust concentration camps gathered at the Ohio University campus on the 37th anniversary of D-Day to dedicate a small park on the campus to the memory of World War II correspondents. Normandy Park is only the second such monument to war correspondents in the world, the other being at Gathland State Park, Burkittsville, Md., in memory of Civil War correspondents.

**John R. Wilhelm**, a war correspondent for Reuters and the Chicago Sun, now dean of Ohio U's College of Communication, initiated the reunion. Shown here, left to right: **Wilhelm**; **Jack Thompson**, retired military editor, *Chicago Tribune*, and president of the Beachhead Correspondents Assn., who planted an apple tree as the first of a grove of trees from Normandy; **Bill Higginbotham**, former UPI, now *N.Y. Times*; **Ann Stringer**, former UP; **Howard Cowan**, former AP, now a Boothbay, Me., publisher; **Ed Cunningham**, INS; **Art Milton**, INS, now retired in Arizona; **Don Coe**, ABC, now retired in Jamaica; **Larry Newman**, INS, now Hyannisport, Me.; **Boyd Lewis**, UP, retired in Va.; **Gladwin Hill**, *N.Y. Times*; **John Groth** (in cap), Field Enterprises artist whose exhibit was shown at dedication of Cornelius Ryan Collection at Ohio U; **Mrs. Cornelius Ryan**, widow of the author of *The Longest Day*; and **Pat Conger**, UP.

## Press Freedom Committee Reports

NEW YORK — Despite the contention of **Patrick Nieburg** to the contrary, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee did do its homework before issuing its appeal in March in behalf of Sukru Dogan Yurdakul, editor of *Aydinlik*, the banned leftist paper in Turkey.

Nieburg stated, in a letter in the *OPC Bulletin* June 1, that Yurdakul "... is not a newsman, or an editor in the sense that we understand it ... is an unabashed spokesman for Maoist China. His newspaper cannot possibly be termed a newspaper in our sense. It is the house organ of the Maoist faction of the Communist party of Turkey ..."

Here is a rundown of what happened:

The case came to the attention of the OPC Committee through a report in the *New York Times* that an Istanbul court had sentenced Yurdakul to 7½ years in prison for "making Communist propaganda." The alleged Maoist connection was not mentioned. The alleged offense was publication of a report of a 1978 meeting of an

outlawed political party with pro-Peking leanings.

The Committee decided to look into the matter. After checking with Amnesty International in New York (AIUSA), a protest cable to the head of the Turkish government and a story for the OPC Bulletin were prepared. Both drafts were circulated for review and comment to members of the Committee, which includes members associated with three of the largest news-gathering organizations in New York (and the world). All approved the drafts.

Since receiving the Nieburg protest, the Committee looked into the matter again. As a result, the following report was received May 29 from the Istanbul bureau of a major U.S. news organization:

"When verdict (Yurdakul's) announced, he was editor in chief respected Turkish political weekly, 'Yanki' (Echo), whose publisher Mehmet Ali Kislali strings for *TIME* in Ankara. His wife, Leyla, was then publisher of 'Aydinlik

Publications'. She later joined Agence France Press staff in Ankara and disappeared Spring."

Certainly Nieburg is entitled to his viewpoint. And what he says about the Turkish editor may be true — though other responsible newsmen in Turkey did not

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## Letters

Middleburg, Va.—In March 1 issue of the *Bulletin* there is a piece about a new book about female journalists by Joan E. Collins. I am sorry Mrs. Collins did not interview me. I have been a member of the Overseas Press Club since 1954.

I was probably the youngest columnist and feature writer for the old *Washington Times-Herald* (now the *Washington Post*) along with Austine (now Mrs. William Randolph Hearst Jr.) and Kathleen (Kike) Kennedy who died in the war. From 1937-1941, when I went to Time, Inc. I was twenty then.

In 1946 my first husband and I ran a country weekly in Downingtown, Pa., called *the Archive* that won many awards for excellence and was the background for my autobiographical book "It Happens Every Thursday" that is studied in journalism schools and was a film starring Loretta Young (as me) and John Forsyth (as my husband). It is still on the late show.

In 1953 I was one of 10 small town newspaper editors allowed into Russia — the first after Stalin's death. I was the first woman to report "Inside the New Russia" for International News Service and the *London Daily Express*.

After selling the newspaper in 1956 I concentrated on books, including the best-selling "A Portion For Foxes" (Simon & Schuster) and a new novel, "Maggie Royal" to be published by Simon & Schuster this summer.

Since 1937 when I began working full time at the age of 17 I have never experienced any discrimination due to sex — in fact the opposite. All the help and consideration possible in covering three presidential campaigns and almost 40 years of other news stories.

Please excuse typos. My L C Smith is almost 50 years old and occasionally forgets how to spell.

—Jane McIlvaine McClary

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**HONG KONG** — The Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club is scheduled to move later this year to avoid a 500 per cent increase in rent.

The Club accepted an offer from the Hong Kong government to renovate a brick ice-storage warehouse built in the central business district before World War II as new Club premises.

Owners of Sutherland House, from where the Club for years has commanded a spectacular 14th and 15th floor view of Hong Kong harbor and peak, said the rent would be increased 500 per cent in October when the present lease expire.

Escalating office and residential rents in the British Crown Colony on the China coast already have forced a number of



**Dwight E. Sargent** has been appointed by President **Henry Gellermann** chairman of the Admissions Committee.

foreign correspondents to relocate to other areas.

**Donald Wise**, Far Eastern Economic Review, was re-elected president of the Hong Kong correspondents club in May to supervise the club's move.

Other club officers elected for the 1981-82 year: **Michael Keats**, UPI, 1st vice president; **Nick Demuth**, Hong Kong commercial radio, 2nd vice president; and the following correspondent governors:

**Hugh Van Es**, freelance; **Peter Mosley**, Reuters; **Barry Came**, *Newsweek*; **David Lan**, AFP; **Mikio Arai**, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK); **Ronald Wei**, AP, and **Michael Westlake**, Far Eastern Economic Review.

**Fred Moritz**, long-time correspondent in Asia for the *Christian Science Monitor*, has been transferred back to the home office in Boston from his last base in Singapore. The Monitor closed its Southeast Asia bureau, and Moritz will oversee coverage of that area from Boston.

The Bulletin's correspondent in Hong Kong, namely me, **Al Kaff** of UPI, also will return to the United States this summer. He will continue as vice president and general manager of UPI's Asia-Pacific Division based in New York City rather than Hong Kong.

—Al Kaff

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**SEOUL** — Thailand journalist **Suthichai Yoon** was given a Koh jai-wook Memorial Award for 1981 by the Press Foundation of Asia (PFA) on June 18. He is managing editor of the *Nation*, a leading English-language daily in Thailand. He was cited by the Manila-based regional press organization for "thought-provoking, lively and courageous reporting of national affairs."

Yoon, 40, started as a journalist in the late '60s on the Bangkok Post, becoming city editor. As a columnist he was famous for his bylined weekly *Thai Talk* comments in which internal and foreign correspondents took great interest.

## OPC Protesting Paraguay Arrests

For publicizing the recent forced transfer of some 700 Toba-Maskoy Indians from their homes to an arid part of the Chaco plain in Western Paraguay, two newsmen in that country have been arrested and are believed to be in detention. A third is being hunted by the police. The government's forced transfer of the Indians was called "an act of genocide" by a group of concerned citizens, including the reporters.

Juan Andres Cardozo, of *La Tribuna*, and Hernando Sevilla, of *Hoy*, were arrested in February and are reported to be held incommunicado. A third journalist, Felix Ruiz, is being hunted by the Paraguayan police, according to Amnesty International.

The OPC is protesting the detention of Cardozo and Sevilla to Paraguay's president, Alfredo Stroessner.

Members wishing to join the protest should write to: Exmo. Sr. Presidente de la Republica del Paraguay, Gral. de Ejercito Alfredo Stroessner, Palacio de Gobierno, Asuncion, Paraguay, copy to Exmo. Sr. Ministro del Interior, Sr. Sabino Montanaro, Ministerio del Interior, Estrella y Montevideo, Asuncion, Paraguay; and to the OPC.

### MILDRED GREENWALD

Mildred Greenwald, wife of **Ben Greenwald**, OPC treasurer, died Friday, June 12, at Doctors Hospital, New York, after a long illness.

Students and alumni of the New York School of Printing's School of Journalism, of which Ben was founder and director, often referred to the pair as "the team."

"Warm, wonderful Mildred" was how one of the alumni described her. The influence of "warm, wonderful Mildred" was felt at the Overseas Press Club, of which several of the Greenwalds' alumni are members.

In 1971, Yoon cooperated with the late **Thamnoon Mahapurya** in launching the *Nation*, the first English-language daily in Thailand. Under his editorship, the PFA said, it "has become a powerful vehicle of Thai opinion with thought-provoking, lively and courageous reporting on national affairs."

In memory of the late **Koh jai-wook**, former chairman of the Dong-A Ilbo, traditional and powerful domestic daily newspaper in Korea, PFA has conferred the award since 1976. Previous winners include a political writer from India, an editor from Indonesia and two from Korea, Choo Hyo-min and Sonu Hwi.

—Young Sick Kim



## New Applications

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**Henry A. Engler;** V.P. Marketing, (Observer) Craftsman  
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## New Members

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## Carol Burnett Endows News Fund

By Marguerite Cartwright

"The Carol Burnett Fund for Responsible Journalism" is very much the brainchild of former OPC President **John Luter**.

One of the more encouraging events in journalistic circles has been the successful libel suit brought against the *National Enquirer* by actress Burnett. She has contributed \$100,000 of the award from the case to establish the fund at the University of Hawaii Journalism School.

For OPC members the news is greeted with special interest for it was the outgrowth of a proposal made to Burnett by Luter, now director of the Journalism school at Manoa.

Luter plans to use the interest from the grant to support faculty research projects on ethics and problems in journalism, as well as annual contests among students for best articles on journalism ethics. This is the largest single grant the program has ever received.

Burnett sued the *Enquirer* because of a 65-word article that appeared in 1976 which implied she was drunk and rowdy in a Washington restaurant. A jury ruled in her favor and she was awarded 1.6 million dollars, later reduced to \$800,000.

Luter notes: "We have always stressed the importance of ethical and responsible behavior on the part of journalists. Miss Burnett's generous gift will enable the university journalism program to place even greater emphasis on the need to maintain the highest possible standards."

According to Chancellor Durward Long of Hawaii University "Luter deserves much credit for having developed a proposal dealing with ethics and professionalism in journalism which so appealed to Miss Burnett that she selected their program as one of the two in the country to receive the grant in the wake of her libel suit."

## FREEDOM OF PRESS

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know or intimate that Yurdakul was not a legitimate editor.

But the committee did its homework — which suggested that Yurdakul was a member of the working press, that he was being punished by his government for what he wrote as a journalist.

Our goal is to speak out only in behalf of working news people who are arrested intimidated, imprisoned, "disappeared" and otherwise harassed — and are worthy of OPC concern and support.

—**Freedom of the Press Committee**  
**Roy Rowan, Chairman; Norman A. Schorr, co-chairman**

## Placement

### Editor Wanted

Manhattan office of international publishing company seeks editor for new business magazine in Spanish for Latin-American executives in business, industry, construction, banking, etc. Must be bilingual (Spanish-English) with editorial experience in graphics, layout. Editor will be backed by assistant editor and Latin-American stringers. Send resume for interview to Helen Alpert, OPC Placement.

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## Who, What, Where

By BLYTHE FOOTE FINKE

UNESCO Information Chief **Joseph A. Mehan** is busy these days explaining the controversial New World Information Order and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization role in it. He was recently main speaker before the Portland, Oregon, World Affairs Council; on a panel at the San Francisco Press Club, and Columbia University's School in International Affairs. He is preparing an article for the Annenberg School's Journal of International Communications, and has requests for several others. He also delivered the commencement address at the Stamford, Conn., High School, his alma mater, and that of three of his sons.

American Broadcasting Company — TV's Producer/Writer **Josephine Lyons** is just back from the Middle East where she did a story on Secretary of State **Alexander Haig** and Israeli General **Moishe Dayan**.

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**Murray Seeger**, *Los Angeles Times*, who has reported from Moscow, Bonn and Brussels for the last nine years, returns to Washington in mid-summer. He will be at home at 9801 Hillridge Drive, Kensington, Maryland. Seeger contributed a chapter to a book published this spring in London and New York on the status of workers in the Soviet Union in cooperation with Professor **Leonard Schapiro** of the London School of Economics and **Joseph Godson**, a former American foreign service officer.

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**Alan Levy** lectured on Contemporary Theatre at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies June and July in the Max Reinhardt castle, Schloss Leopoldskron, which served as the Trapp family home in the film "The Sound of Music." He participated along with many distinguished theater names, including playwrights **Hugh Leonard** and **David Hare**; theater chiefs **Roger Stevens** (Kennedy Center) and **Ellen Stewart** (La Mama), and critic **Brendan Gill** (The New Yorker). Alan's first play, "Ruth Brinkmann as Ruth Draper," a one-woman show will have a gala world premiere in Vienna in September. The first act will be previewed June 21 at the Alpbach "think tank" in the Tyrolean Alps, Vienna's English Theatre, the only year round professional one on the continent.

A very busy gentleman indeed, Alan's 1979 American success, "Forever, Sophia," was published first in paperback (Methuen, 1979), then in hard cover (Robert Hale, Ltd., 1979). In 1981 it has become a Biography Book Club selection

in Britain. Alan's 1972 book about the invasion of Prague, "So Many Heroes," was reissued last year in hard-cover as a "neglected classic" by Second Chance Press, and has been issued again as a topical trade paperback in a co-production of Franklin Watts in the United States and by publisher **Jay Landesman**.

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**Dennis Redmont**, Rome Bureau Chief for AP, has written a moving account in the latest "AP Log," about the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

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**Theodore Berland's** "The Fitness Fact Book" (The Complete Guide To Diet, Exercise and Sports) has just been published by New American Library as a Signet book. It follows on the heels of two other Berland books in January — "Diets '81" and "The Doctor's Calories-Plus Diet." Berland keeps fit himself by swimming a mile, jogging five miles, and daily calisthenics. This award winning science writer is chairman of the Columbia College, Chicago, journalism department.

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A former OPCer, now living in Washington D.C., **Elizabeth Fagg Olds** has been elected president of the Society of Woman Geographers, an international organization of outstanding women explorers, scientists, writers and others who have contributed to the world's geographic knowledge. She is also free-lancing and working currently on a book of biographies of American women.

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Long-time OPC member **Bill Hosie** was pulled out of retirement, and away from fishing and golfing in New Hampshire, by old friend **Card Walker**, chairman of Walt Disney Productions, to fly to Burbank, California, and consult and prepare a PR program for the studios. Bill retired several years ago as marketing-financial

publicity executive VP for Hill and Knowlton. He stayed at the club while in New York, and says he "misses at the bar the faces of so many old friends and who have left us." He added a PS to this report: "I wish we had our own bar. I keep meeting chemists instead of OPCers. Maybe we should wear yellow ribbons!"

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**David Horowitz**, host and creator of the syndicated "Fight Back! with David Horowitz" program has received the distinguished achievement award of Vista Del Mar Child Care Service, Los Angeles. It was presented in "recognition of his outstanding service in behalf of children."

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**Syd Cassyd**, OPCer out in California is coordinating August 22 at the Los Angeles Press Club a session on Satellite-to-Home-TV (Direct Broadcasting), an international system with implications for every nation. 1981 marks the 50th year, a half century, for his coverage of TV. OPCers are cordially invited to the symposium.

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Active OPCer **Ray Shaw** has visited more than four dozen countries, but says she has never experienced such all out hospitality as on a recent visit to Norfolk, Virginia. The Norfolk, Virginia Convention and Visitors Bureau invited her to their Harborfest May 22-25. Coincidentally she was featured in a column by Lawrence Maddy entitled "Whole World In Her Hands" in the *Virginia-Pilot and Ledger-Star*, May 24.

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As we go to press, alas, **Raine Edward Bennett**, one of the stalwarts of OPC a very long time, is seriously ill in St. Luke's Hospital, New York, and **Dorothy Ingling** writes "the prognosis at this moment is poor." Raine has a 90th birthday in November.

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